

I am cognizant of the pressures that the majority has with respect to finishing these appropriation bills, and I can appreciate that having once been in the majority, but I think I would say to my friend, the gentleman from Texas, that in consultation with many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I think they have expressed a desire to me anyway that the prudent thing today and this evening would be to leave and come back and start fresh after the funeral in the morning.

I would just offer that to my friend, the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman for suggesting that. I appreciate the gentleman for his concern, not only for the Members but for the staff, in particular our Capitol Police who are still standing their stations around the Capitol. It is because we, as a group, have clearly indicated our desire, rightly so, to spend the time tomorrow and then again on Friday in attendance to these very important funerals, that we feel the compulsion to complete the work as best we can this week and to try to do so in maximum consideration of all people.

I just would like to assure the gentleman from Michigan that all of these matters are of concern to me and I am working the best I can.

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We are ready now, though, to begin to move forward on the rule; and given the progress that I am confident I am seeing with the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) and others, I think we can be confident we can complete our work tonight and all get some rest.

I thank the gentleman.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-658) on the resolution (H. Res. 507) providing special investigative authority for the Committee on Education and the Workforce, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3262

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 3262.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4328, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call

up House Resolution 510 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 510

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4328) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XXI or section 401(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: beginning with “, of which”, on page 11, line 19, through “Fund” on line 20; page 16, lines 20 through 24; beginning with “: Provided” on page 18, line 2, through “motor carriers” on line 5; and page 54, lines 4 through 8. Where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, points of order against a provision in another part of such paragraph may be made only against such provision and not against the entire paragraph. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Dallas, Texas (Mr. FROST), my friend, and pending that I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, all time that I will be yielding will be for debate purposes only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in the RECORD on the resolution now being considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this rule makes in order H.R. 4328, the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999 under an open rule containing a number of noncontroversial waivers against points of order. The rule also self-executes two noncontroversial changes in the bill, of which one is technical in nature.

I would like to commend the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation, as well as the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. LIVINGSTON), chairman of the full committee, and the other members of the committee for the tremendous job that they did in producing a bill that adequately funds our Nation's priorities within the constraints imposed by both the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Transportation Equity Act of 1998.

Although 70 percent of the bill consists of spending mandated by the T.E.A. 21, resulting in a substantial increase in funding for highway and transit programs, the subcommittee was also able to increase funding for drug interdiction efforts and transportation safety programs.

A total of \$406 million is provided for Coast Guard counter-drug activities, an increase of \$73.8 million over the President's request. Funding to reduce fatalities on the Nation's roadways is increased by more than 8 percent.

Despite this balanced effort, I find it hard to believe that the administration, which signed the T.E.A. 21 bill into law, could be critical of the funding levels that are in this appropriations bill. Unfortunately, this seems to be par for the course for an administration that proposes to pay for more government spending with \$9 billion in new taxes and user fees that are political nonstarters.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Appropriations produced a fair and balanced bill, and the Committee on Rules was equal to the task of reporting this rule. Therefore, I urge adoption of both the rule and the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, it is my intention to make a fairly brief opening statement and then to yield back all of our time in an effort to try and move this along.

Mr. Speaker, while I rise in support of this rule and this bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1999, I am concerned that a point of order may lie